GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Fake Cases of Dowry Harassment
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a growing number of fake cases of dowry harassment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to dilute the anti-dowry law; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): As per information provided by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), data on fake cases of dowry harassment cases is not maintained separately. However, the Bureau has started collecting data on cases in which final report submitted as false (false cases) under the 'Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961' using revised proformae of 'Crime in India' since 2014. As per available information, a total of 447 cases were reported in which final report submitted as false (false cases) under this Act during 2014. State/UT wise cases were reported in which final report was submitted as false (false cases) under the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 during 2014 are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): There is no proposal under consideration to amend dowry prohibition Act. There is no proposal to make the offence under section 498 A of IPC compoundable. Dowry is just one of the components of the provisions. The section by itself is not an anti dowry law.
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